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| · <u> </u> | Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is | | | | | |
| closed in accordance with the practice unde | · | • | | | | |
| Disposition of Claims | | | | | | |
| 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the applicating 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are without 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and | Irawn from consideration. | | | | | |
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| 9) The specification is objected to by the Exam 10) The drawing(s) filed on 10 March 2004 is/are Applicant may not request that any objection to t Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the corr 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the | e: a)⊠ accepted or b)⊡ object he drawing(s) be held in abeyance. rection is required if the drawing(s) | See 37 CFR 1.85(a). s objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). | | | | |
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| 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority docume 2. Certified copies of the priority docume 3. Copies of the certified copies of the papplication from the International Bure * See the attached detailed Office action for a light | ents have been received. ents have been received in Appl riority documents have been rec eau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). | ication No ceived in this National Stage | | | | |
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| Attachment(s) 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) Interview Sum | many (PTO-413) | | | | |
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DETAILED ACTION

This is the final Office Action for the serial number 10/797,896, DUCT HOLDER, filed on 3/10/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent # 5,221,064 to Hodges.

Hodges teaches holder (figure 1) comprising a main body (38) having a generally U-shaped configuration and a central channel (42) extending therethrough and an upright support member (18) secured to a bottom of the main body. The upright support member being configured for securing to a structural member. The support member is provided with a plurality of openings (24) to allow attaching of the support member to a structural member (14). The main body has a generally arcuate configuration. The support member has a pair of telescopically (20 and 22) engaging parts to allow extension of the support member to a desired elevation. The support member has elongated body (a block that provides two holes, 24).

Response to Arguments

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Applicant's arguments filed 1/10/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant argues, "Hodges discloses that the second section 22 of the hanger rod 18 is either rigidly attached to the yoke (col. 2, lines 62-64) or pivotally secured (not shown in the drawings) to the yoke (col. 3, lines 25-31). Pivotal movement of a constricted duct is not the same as a free rotational movement of the main body as contemplated by the instant invention." The examiner disagrees with the applicant regarding limited pivotal movement of the rod to the yoke because in specification (col. 3, line 28) of Hodges's invention states that "By pivoting the yoke 38 about the hanger rod 18, the pipe hanger can be used to suspend pipe from a joist where the pipe does not run parallel or perpendicular to the joist." Since Hodges cited the term of "about", which means the yoke is able of rotating in vertical axis of hanger rod.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing

date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Alfred Joseph Wujciak III whose telephone number is (571) 272-

6827. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on (571) 272-6815. The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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